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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON
GERMANY AND BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 7475; (B) STATE 96987; (C) BONN 7283

1. AT THE MAY 3 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP
(HENZE) REPORTED THAT VAN WELL CONTINUED TO BELIEVE
THAT THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON BERLIN SHOULD
REFER TO THE DECLARATION ON BERLIN WHICH IS TO BE
ISSUED AFTER THE QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING. HENZE
SAID HE HAD REPORTED THE US POSITION AS EXPRESSED IN
THE APRIL 30 MEETING (REFS A AND B), BUT THAT VAN WELL
STILL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE NOT TO INFORM THE
REST OF NATO NOW THAT THERE WOULD BE A QUADRIPARTITE
STATEMENT. THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING ON
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BERLIN SERVES TO STRENGTHEN HIS VIEW IN THIS REGARD.

2. EVEN IF HE SHOULD CONCEDE THE POINT ON TIMING OF
INFORMING NATO ABOUT THE DECLARATION -- WHICH HE WAS
NOT PREPARED TO DO -- VAN WELL ALSO WAS UNWILLING TO
ACCEPT THE APRIL 30 DRAFT TEXT REPORTED IN REF (A).
RATHER, HE WOULD PREFER THE ORIGINAL FRG DRAFT (PARA

ONE, REF C). VAN WELL THOUGHXTHOUGHT THE APRIL 30 DRAFT MUCH TOO BLAND.

3. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) STATED THAT PARIS HAD AGREED TO THE APRIL 30 DRAFT, ALTHOUGH IT CONTINUED TO BE THE FRENCH FEELING THAT THE NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE SHOULD CONTAIN A CROSS REFERENCE TO THE QUADRIpartite DECLARATION. BOISSIEU CONTINUED TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS NOT A MATTER FOR THE BONN GROUP TO DECIDE WHEN NATO SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE QUADRIpartite SUMMIT.

4. THE UK REP (EYERS) HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT WAS OF THE OPINION THAT LONDON WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO STRONG FEELINGS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. US REP SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS SINCE THE APRIL 30 MEETING AND WAS THUS CONTINUING TO OPERATE UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REF (B).

5. WITH SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM BOISSIEU, HENZE SAID HE INTENDED TO SUGGEST THAT VAN WELL COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO HENZE, THERE IS TO BE ANOTHER SPC MEETING ON THE COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 5, AND HE THOUGHT IT ESSENTIAL THAT SOME LANGUAGE BE AGREED UPON BY THEN.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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